

said part is an ice blade and said desired shape is flat.

13. (New) An ice skate, comprising:
an elongated blade body having a main blade portion and an edge portion made from Type 60 Nitinol;
said edge portion of said blade body having an ice-contacting bottom edge;
said main blade portion having structure engaged in a blade holder that is fastened to a boot;
said bottom edge having opposed corners that are sharpened to bite into ice to facilitate travel and maneuvering on said ice;
said main blade portion having an impact strength of greater than 45 foot-pounds and a hardness greater than about 40 RC.
14. (New) An ice skate as defined in claim 13, wherein:
said main blade portion has a tensile strength of greater than 130KSI and an elastic elongation of more than 3%.
15. (New) An ice blade as defined in claim 13, wherein:
said blade body has a hardness between about 48RC and 55RC.

Argument

Reconsideration of this application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-4 and 6-12 for prosecution in this application. Applicant has also added new claims 13-15 for consideration by the Examiner.

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